

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2628 - SB 2585**

January 29, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a court to determine that the Department of Children's Services (DCS) or a licensed child-placing agency has made reasonable efforts to place the child for adoption and that permanent guardianship is in the best interest of the child before partial or full guardianship can be awarded to a permanent guardian.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- According to DCS, the Department currently makes efforts to place a child before pursuing permanent guardianship. Any increase in state or local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in court caseloads will be absorbed within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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